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Organization of the Bulgarian National Committee

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The important information which Mr. Dimitrov had to convey upon his return from Europe is that a Bulgarian National Committee has been formally organized to operate upon a worldwide basis, and that this Committee has adopted a set of basic principles and regulations governing its activities toward the future establishment of a free and independent Bulgaria. Annex no. 1 gives the principles and the membership of the Bulgarian National Committee and is entitled "Fundamental Principles of the Program of the Bulgarian National Committee", while Annex no. 2 is entitled "Rules and Regulations Concerning the Activities and Functions of the Bulgarian National Committee".

Aside from the scope of and the practices to be adopted by the Committee, which are set forth in the two abovementioned annexes, Mr. Dimitrov emphasized that the headquarters would be in Washington and that all members of subcommittees of the National Committee, as prescribed by the regulations, must first be certified satisfactory by himself and other members of the National Committee before they can serve. He pointed out that the organization was to nurture a spirit of unity and discipline among the Bulgarian refugees directed toward the liberation of their country, and that the Bulgarian National Committee has every intention of assuming full responsibility for the acts of its Committee members and the subcommittees in furtherance of the general objective.

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The conference in Paris which saw the organization of the Bulgarian National Committee Dr. Dimitrov considered most successful. One problem which the conference was called upon to resolve was the question of representation of the Svane group, since most of the Bulgarians at the conference strongly opposed any participation in the National Committee by General Velchev. This problem disappeared when it was learned that General Velchev did not wish to participate in the work of the National Committee. Accordingly, all were agreed upon the appointment of Dr. Ivanov as a Svane man on the National Committee.

From an analysis of the composition of the National Committee with the number of Agrarians listed, as well as from the tenor of Dr. Dimitrov's remarks, it appears that he has the unquestioned direction of the organization, while at the same time instituting adequate Committee representation for the Bulgarian democratic refugee groups in various countries.

Dr. Dimitrov stated that he intends to make a formal public announcement concerning the aims and membership of the National Committee, and that he hoped following this to have an account of the organization broadcast to Bulgaria by the Voice of America.

Attachments;

Annexes 1 and 2

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BULGARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

President: Dr. George M. Dimitrov, Secretary General of
the Bulgarian National Agrarian Union

Members of the Committee functioning abroad:

Dimitar Matzenkiew, formerly Member of the Assembly, member
of the Executive Board of the Bulgarian National
Agrarian Union

Dr. Milka Ghenadiev-Boeuf, Women Section, Bulgarian National
Agrarian Union

Tzenko Barev, Secretary of the Academic and Youth Unions
of the Bulgarian National Agrarian Union

Vasil P. Iurukov, formerly Minister Plenipotentiary, Vice
President of the National Union "Zveno"

Professor Dr. Nicola Dolaptchiew, formerly Minister Pleni-
potentiary, Vice President of the Bulgarian Academy

Professor George Petkov, Professor at the University Varna,
Member of the Constituent Assembly, Social Democratic
Party

Tzvetko B. Penov, Representative of the Social Democratic
Party abroad

General Ivan Todorov, retired

Nicola Balabanov, formerly Minister Plenipotentiary

Milio Chr. Milev, formerly Minister Plenipotentiary

Christo Boiadjiev, formerly Counselor of Legation

Constantine Shopov, Member of the Constituent Assembly,
Bulgarian National Agrarian Union

Engineer Toncho Tenev, Member of the Constituent Assembly,
Bulgarian National Agrarian Union

Stratia Skerlev, Member of the Constituent Assembly,
Bulgarian National Agrarian Union

George Kolev, Member of the Constituent Assembly, Bulgarian
National Agrarian Union

(The Members representing the Political Parties, the Army and the
Church who are inside the country are not listed.)

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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE PROGRAM OF THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FREE AND INDEPENDENT BULGARIA

1. Reinstatement of the Tirmovo Constitution and of the rights, freedoms and prerogatives of Bulgarian men and women consecrated by it.
 2. Abrogation of all anticonstitutional-dictatorial laws, decrees and regulations of the regimes before and after September 9, 1944 - of the period of Soviet occupation as well as of that after it.
 3. Elections for a Constituent National Assembly, in accord with the provisions of the Constitution, which is competent to enact the necessary modifications of the Constitution and to determine the democratic form of government that the Sovereign Bulgarian People wishes to possess.
 4. Return of the army to the barracks and its reorganization into a non-party force entrusted with the defense of the people and the interests of the nation.
 5. Reorientation of the Public Instruction and the upbringing of the youth on the basis of scientific, cultural and humanitarian principles, taking into consideration the traditions and the historical interests of the Bulgarian people.
 6. Coordination of the industrial development of the country with its agricultural character and small-holdings.
 7. Social legislation on the basis of general social security.
 8. Financial reform conforming to the revenue capacity of the people - social justice and stimulation of the economic reconstruction and development of the country.
 9. Exclusion of all interference in the internal affairs of the Church and reinstatement of its freedom and independence; restoration and guarantee of the freedom of conscience.
 10. Reorientation of the foreign policy of the nation on the basis of peace, understanding and collaboration with all nations, small and large. Peaceful solution of controversial international problems in the spirit of mutual understanding and consideration based on the Atlantic Charter and the Charter of the United Nations. Liquidation of past adventurous and shovenist tendencies and canalization of the efforts of the people in the spirit of federalism and the United States of Europe. Free and close economic and cultural collaboration with all nations.
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RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF
THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FREE AND INDEPENDENT BULGARIA,
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION ABROAD IN WASHINGTON, U.S.A.

A. AIMS.

1. The Committee has in view the unification and organization of the moral, material and spiritual potentialities of the Bulgarian people within the country and abroad for the purpose of facilitating the popular struggle for the rescue and liberation of the Bulgarian people as well as for that of guiding it to its victorious end as to the upbuilding of a Free, Independent and Democratic Bulgaria.
2. In the name of these aims the Committee collaborates with the liberation and democratic forces of all other nationalities.
3. The Committee functions on the basis of a Program elaborated along the lines of popular principles.

B. MEANS.

4. The Committee maintains uninterrupted contacts with the people, fortifies its spirit, organizes and assists its struggle for liberation from the Communist and Soviet dictatorships as well as for the establishment of a Free, Democratic and Just order in Bulgaria.
5. It creates its own centers of organization and coordination of the forces of the people as well as their planned utilization in the struggle for liberation.
6. It issues newspapers and other printed matter for the purpose of publicizing the means and ends of the National Struggle for Liberation.
7. All propaganda and other publications as well as media are organs of the National Committee and are issued under its sponsorship and control. No publications can be issued in its name or as its organs without beforehand having been approved and sanctioned by the President in writing.
8. It utilizes radio-stations and establishes such of its own for the purpose of maintaining contacts with the people as well as of publicizing the problems of the Struggle for Liberation.

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9. It maintains contacts with the democratic world and collaborates with all democratic liberation movements and organizations in the common struggle of the nations subjugated by the Dictatorship.
10. It brings to the attention of the foreign world the criminal acts and anti-national aims and plans of the present Communist dictatorship; it enlists world public opinion in the fight for liberation and democracy.
11. The financial means at the disposal of the National Committee are derived from voluntary contributions, loans, mutual assistance funds. Expenditures are made by means of special authorizations of the Committee and solely for the purposes of the effort at liberation.

C. COMPOSITION.

12. The Committee is directed by the President in collaboration with the Members.
13. The Committee may assign as assistants to the President two or three of its Members for the performance of current technical functions. In agreement with them, the President may make appointments on the staff of necessary technical secretaries and other functionaries.
14. Upon instructions of and in agreement with the President, every Member acts as delegate of the Committee.
15. In the Committee and in its subordinate institutions and organizations can not participate individuals who, because of their records and activities, could do damage to the prestige as well as to the proper and successful progress of the fight of the people for Freedom and Independence. This applies to elements of Communist as well as Fascist and Hitlerite character.
16. The Committee has also the initiative in the organization of the Bulgarians who find themselves abroad as political emigrants and refugees, into Subcommittees, wherever this is feasible.
17. The Subcommittees consist of from five to ten members.
18. The Subcommittees consist of Secretary, Treasurer and Members, the technical functions of the officers being determined by the Subcommittees on the basis of local requirements.

19. Members

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19. Members of one Subcommittee transferring into the region of another automatically become Members of the Subcommittee in the region of which they have moved. The limitations as to numbers are not applicable in such cases.
 20. The acceptance of new Members of the Subcommittees takes place upon the proposal of the latter and with the approval of the National Committee in Washington.
 21. The loss of Membership also takes place upon proposal of the Subcommittees and with the approval of the National Committee.
 22. The National Committee is equally empowered to propose acceptance for, or punishment and loss of Membership in the Subcommittees for individuals who have manifested lack of discipline, inactivity, non-conformity with the rules and regulations as well as the Program of the National Committee.
 23. In countries where there are concentrated a number of emigrant groups at great distances one from the other, separate sections may be formed which are units of one Subcommittee. In such cases each section has one representative on the Subcommittee which decides on the problems of all sections. Such Subcommittees have augmented Memberships.
 24. The Members of the National Committee finding themselves in a given region participate ex officio in the respective Subcommittee. In agreement with the President, Members of the National Committee may be especially delegated.
 25. The Subcommittees are automatically at the disposal of the National Committee in carrying on the activities of the latter.
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